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79. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid consisting of residues 792 to 884 of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said polypeptide has the same reading frame as the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

7T. The antibody of claim 61, 62, 63, or 64, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

22. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide comprising at least four contiguous amino acid residues of the sequence of residues 264 to 294 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

73. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide consisting at least four contiguous amino acid residues of the sequence of residues 264 to 294 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

74. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide encoded by at least 12 contiguous nucleic acid residues of a sequence comprising residues 792 to 884 of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said polypeptide has the same reading frame as the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

73. An antibody which binds to a polypeptide encoded by at least 12 contiguous nucleic acid residues of the sequence consisting of residues 792 to 884 of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said polypeptide has the same reading frame as the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

76. The antibody of claim 72, 73, 74, or 75, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 67-76 are pending. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Support for the newly added claims may be found throughout the specification and at least at page 13-16, 27-28, and pages 31-34.

